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Circulation of Fake Currency

*97. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that presence of fake currency notes in large quantities are posing a threat to our economy;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to curb the menace of fake currency notes;

(c) whether any pattern has been established regarding their distribution, seizures and person possessing/dealing in fake currency notes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The cases circulation of fake currency notes are reported from time to time various parts of the country. According to available information, the total value of fake currency notes recovered and seized during the last three years, i.e., 1997 1998 and 1999, was Rs. 3,55,70,249/- and Rs. 1,83,35,315- respectively.

A Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Finance on 22-2-2000 for examining cases of counterfeit currency notes and to recommend remedial measures that should be taken by the note printing presses from time to time. The Committee has been asked to submit its report within two months.

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Available information indicates that fake Indian currency notes are being clandestinely inducted into the country from across die Indo- Pak border and indo-Nepal border, besides being fabricated in India through a variety of techniques involving the use of printing presses, colour photo-copiers, scanners and colour printers.

Ex-INA Pensioners

*98. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) die State-wise report of the number of ex-INA pensioners getting political pension;

(b) how many ex-INA pensioners are getting family pension till date; and

(c) how many applications are still pending before Government for ex-INA pension/family pension?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Freedom Fighters pension has been, sanctioned in 22,463 cases pertaining to ex-INA personnel. State-wise break-up in this regard is given below:

SI.N	. Name of Slate / UT	No. of persons sanctioned pension
1.	Andhra Pradesh	164
2.	Assam	07
3.	Bihar	152
4.	Gujarat	70
5.	Haryana	2,972
6.	Himachal Pradesh	1,679
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	401
8.	Karnataka	121
9.	Kerala	1,643
10.	Madhya Pradesh	128
11.	Maharashtra	875
12.	Manipur	156
13.	Meghalaya	06
14.	Mizoram	04
15.	Nagaland	01
16.	Orissa	449
17.	Punjab	4,467